

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHAPEL

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Roman Catholic ✠ Traditional Latin Mass

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November 20, 2022

Final Sunday after Pentecost; St. Felix C

Schedule for Nov-Dec 2022

Sun Nov 27	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Fri Dec 2	Mass 11:30 am (Confessions 11:00) Rosary & Holy Communion 5:30 PM (Conf by request)
Sat Dec 3	Mass & Rosary 8:00 am (Conf after Rosary)
Sun Dec 4	Mass 9:30 am (Conf 8:35 - 9:20 am)
Wed Dec 7	Fast & Abstinence
Thu Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Holy Hour 10:00 am
Sat Dec 10	Mass 8:00 am (Conf after Mass)
Sun Dec 11	Mass 9:30 am (Conf 8:35 - 9:20 am) Preparation of Christmas decorations
Wed, Fri, Sat Dec 14, 16, 17	Ember Days Fast & partial / complete abstinence
Sun Dec 18	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Fri Dec 23	Mass 8:30 am (Conf after Mass)
Sat Dec 24	Mass 11:30 am (Conf after Mass) Fast & Abstinence - Christmas Eve Carols 11:25 PM Procession to Crib 11:55
Sun Dec 25	Midnight Mass of Christmas

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, According to St. Matthew, 24:15-35. At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When therefore you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place: he that readeth let him understand "The abomination of desolation," of which Christ makes mention, is the **desecration** of the temple, at the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, when it was profaned in the most frightful manner, by robbery, murder, conflagration, and the setting up of idols - about **forty years** after the death of Christ.

While the Jewish population were perishing, the Christians, following the warning of Christ, fled over the **mountains** to the city of Pella. Thereby Jesus would

indicate how great the danger would be should they be obliged to fly in winter, or on the Sabbath-day, on which they were forbidden to make a journey of more than five hundred paces.

"**False Christs** and false prophets," like those here spoken of, according to the testimony of Josephus, were Eleazar, John, and Simon, who appeared at the time of the Jewish war, and, under the pretence of helping the Jews, plunged them into still greater misfortunes. Before the end of the world a false Messias will appear, who is the **Antichrist**. According to the opinion of the holy fathers, he will be born from among the **Jewish people**, and is called Antichrist because he will claim to be the redeemer and sanctifier of men, and will denounce Christ as an imposter. On account of his malice and cruelty St. Paul calls him the man of sin and the son of perdition (II. Thess. ii. 3), who, out of pride, will **sit in the temple** of God, showing himself as if he were God, and will command all who will not worship him to be put to death. And he will, by his splendor, his promises, his false miracles, succeed so far that not only many Jews (to whom the poor and humble Jesus was too insignificant) will acknowledge him to be the Messias, but even many Christians will deny Christ and adhere to him. Even the **elect** would be in **danger** of being deceived by him were it not that for their sake God will shorten those days, as He shortened the days of tribulation at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem.

Jesus now goes on to define the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, and says that many of His **hearers** shall live to see it; which was actually the case. But when the **end of the world** is to come no one, He says, knoweth; no, **not the angels** of heaven, but the Father alone (Matt. xxiv. 36). Let us, therefore, keep ourselves **always ready**, by a pious life, for the coming of the divine Judge, and with that purpose let us often think on the significant words of Our Lord: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

"Turkey Friday": In the United States, the Friday abstinence is customarily dispensed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.